

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. No claims are amended or canceled. Claim 25 is added.

CLAIM REJECTIONS—35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over “Transportable Tablespaces in Oracle 8i” (“Oracle”) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0005132 (“Yantzi”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Even if the combination of Oracle and Yantzi disclosed all of the features of Claim 1, the Office Action still has not presented any motivation to combine the teachings of Oracle and Yantzi to arrive specifically at the method of Claim 1. In this regard, the Office Action only alleges, “it would have been obvious . . . to combine the cited references because Detlefs teaching of “ would have allowed Oracle’s system to encrypting password for each resource.” There are several programs with this allegation. First, the Office Action has not even cited any reference called “Detlefs.” Second, the Office Action has not cited any specific teaching of “Detlefs,” leaving empty the quotation marks that were apparently supposed to contain such a teaching. Third, Oracle apparently lacks any teaching or disclosure of passwords, so there does not appear to be any reason why one of ordinary skill in the art would want to combine Yantzi’s password-encrypting teachings with those of Oracle in order to encrypt passwords—passwords which Oracle does not even disclose, teach, or suggest. Because the Office Action has not set forth any teaching or suggestion as to why someone of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine Oracle and Yantzi in a manner that produces the method of Claim 1, the

Office Action has not made out a *prima facie* case of obviousness relative to Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Furthermore, even if Oracle and Yantzi could be combined, the combination still would not disclose, teach, or suggest all of the features of Claim 1. Among other features, Claim 1 recites, “**in response to receiving the identifier as a parameter of the first method**, invoking a utility that exports, as one or more transportable tablespaces, one or more database objects **that are associated with the identifier** in a database.” Even if Oracle generally discusses a utility for exporting database objects as transportable tablespaces, Oracle **does not** teach, disclose, or suggest that such a utility is invoked specifically **in response to** receiving an identifier as a parameter of a method. Additionally, Oracle **does not** teach, disclose, or suggest that the database objects that the utility exports are specifically those **that are associated with the identifier** that was received as the parameter of the method.

The cited portion of Oracle discloses that “administrators” may “issue commands.” Even so, it does not logically follow that the administrators would issue such commands via the invocation of a method that receives, as a parameter, an identifier that is associated with the database objects that are to be exported.

The Office Action doesn’t even allege that Yantzi discloses the features of Claim 1 discussed above. Even if Yantzi discloses “an API for querying the password registry 210 for the encrypted password for a given user ID and resource,” there is **no** disclosure, teaching, or suggestion in Yantzi that this API includes a method that specifically (a) receives, as a parameter, an identifier that is associated with the database objects that are to be exported, and (b) invokes a utility that exports, as transportable tablespaces, such database objects.

Because neither Oracle nor Yantzi discloses, teaches, or suggests **“in response to receiving the identifier as a parameter of the first method, invoking a utility that exports, as one or more transportable tablespaces, one or more database objects that are associated with the identifier in a database”** as recited in Claim 1, Oracle and Yantzi cannot disclose, teach, or suggest this feature even if Oracle and Yantzi were somehow combined. Consequently, Claim 1 is patentable over Oracle and Yantzi, taken individually or in combination, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 9 and 17 are machine-readable medium and apparatus claims, respectively, which are analogous to Claim 1. Therefore, for at least the reasons discussed above in connection with Claim 1, Claims 9 and 17 are also patentable over Oracle and Yantzi, taken individually or in combination, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 2-8, 10-16, and 18-24 each depend from at least one claim in the set of claims comprising Claims 1, 9, and 17. By virtue of their dependence from the claims from which they depend, Claims 2-8, 10-16, and 18-24 each inherit the features that are distinguished from Oracle and Yantzi above. Therefore, for at least the reasons discussed above in connection with Claims 1, 9, and 17, Claims 2-8, 10-16, and 18-24 are also patentable over Oracle and Yantzi, taken individually or in combination, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

NEW CLAIM

Claim 25 is a new claim that recites features that are not taught, disclosed, or suggested in any of the cited references.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

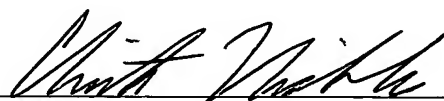
The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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